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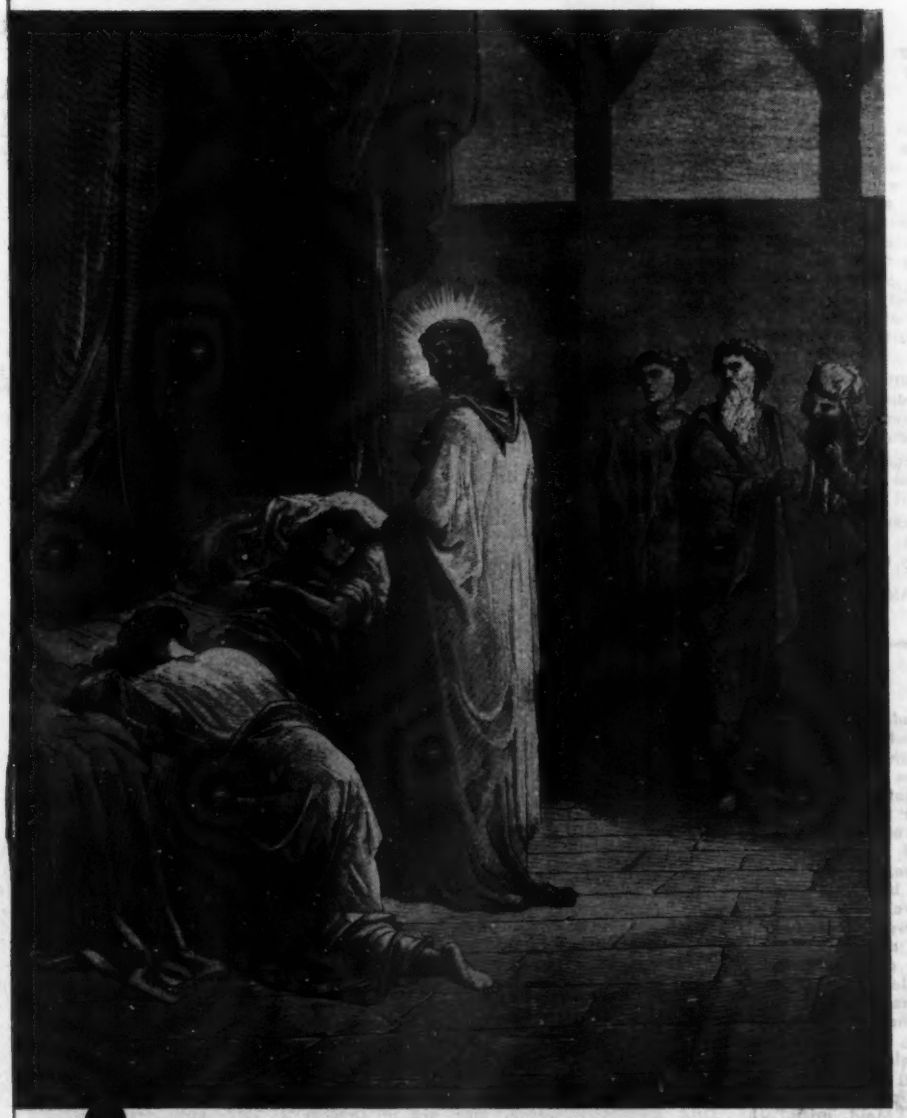

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Readers' RESPONSE

We enjoy your wonderful editorials and wish that they might be printed into booklets. We also enjoy many of the good sermons printed in the **Evangel**. May the Lord bless you and all who contribute to the Lord's work in literature. May God stir up His people to a greater zeal in spreading our good Gospel publications to many more than we do. The devil is busy spreading out false literature in a very energetic way. We need more zeal and ambition in putting the true Gospel into people's homes. May the Lord inspire more writers to write the Gospel in abundance, to minister by the printed Word.

I have a complaint to make about the **Evangel**. It is too short. Since it is the oldest Pentecostal publication, why not make it at least as large as some of the other newer publications.

It is a little sad to see advertisements not pertaining to Gospel books or religious items in our **Evangel**.

I believe that money-making projects for L.W.W.B. could be advertised separately and enclosed with the **Evangel**, or be sent out seperately to the churches.

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COVER PICTURE

Among the crowd who surrounded Jesus and besought his aid was an anxious and heart-broken father called Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, whose daughter lay dying and who besought the Savior with all the passion of a father's love to save his child. Jesus was delayed by the crowd and before He reached the home of Jairus word came that the girl had breathed her last and all was over. The father, therefore, was bidden not to trouble the Master further, but Jesus said to him, "Be not afraid, only believe!" The crowd of relatives and friends that always throng a chamber of death in the east had already begun their pitiful wailing, but the noise and confusion were not permitted to continue. Jesus dismissed them all, taking only Peter, James, John, and the girl's father and mother into the room.

And all wept and bewailed her, but He said, "Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth." And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, "Maid, arise." And her spirit came again and she arose straightway: and He commanded to give her meat. And her parents were astonished.

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1 John 3:19 (Conclusion)

4. *KNOWLEDGE OF DIVINE DIRECTION*

In Paul's letter to the Romans, we find these inspiring words, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). Nothing could possibly be more encouraging than words like these, "ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD . . ." Some things work in our favor and some seem to work against us. Many things seem hard and hindering to us, but to those of us who love and trust God, we know that all these things work for our good and for God's glory. It is my personal conviction (embedded deep into the recesses of my inner being) that no matter what comes across my pathway, whether good or bad, it is for my personal good, the good of someone else, or for the glory of God. We know that God and all heaven is on our side and, though the winds of adversity blow strong upon us, we are hid with Christ in God. Good things do not make us proud and haughty, neither do bad things alarm or amaze us, for we know that our God is continually watching over us. Many people become frustrated at times because everything seems to go wrong. When no light is to be seen, the burdens are heavy, prayers seem to be unheard and unheeded; no encouraging words are heard, God seems to be a million miles away, and as far as feelings are concerned, He doesn't even exist. These make us disturbed and cause us to wonder if our heavenly Father really loves and cares. This is the time for the just "to live by faith" (not by feelings), and trust the One who rules over all to guide and protect that which they "have committed unto him against that day."

Suppose Job would have questioned God when the four messengers came in quick succession to announce calamity after calamity—that cattle, servants, and children had all met sudden death and that all material possessions were completely destroyed. Suppose he had become angry at God because He allowed Satan to afflict him with "sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown." When there was nothing visible and tangible to hold on to, not even the hand of his wife (for she had taunted him and urged him to curse God and die), he stood steadfast in his devotion to God, and said, "What? Shall we receive good at the hand of the Lord, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this he sinned not with his lips. Stripped completely of everything, even the support of his wife, aching from head to toe, and subjected to severe criticism by his miserable comforters, he steadfastly affirmed, "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth." In other words, he believed everything would eventually turn out all right. Had he failed and forsaken God during this time of testing, he would have never been the cause of the famous phrase, "THE PATIENCE OF JOB." He would not have been worthy of the Lord's confidence and respect; neither would he have been blessed so abundantly in his last days, for because of his steadfastness and faithfulness, "The Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before . . . and blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning" (Job 42:10, 12).

David never doubted divine care. When facing the bear and lion, he believed; face to face with Goliath, his faith never wavered. It seemed to grow stronger in the midst of jealous attacks by King Saul and in the long days and nights of waiting for his ascension to the throne which had been promised to him. He knew that God was with him and that everything would work out all right. He believed what he wrote in Psalm 23:6, "Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

Joseph found no fault with God

nor had any ill-will toward man during his times of trials and tribulations. He had to endure the hate and jealousy of his brothers, the stinging darts of unjust and unwarranted accusations, and even served a sentence in prison. In all this, *he never swerved from the path of right,* for he knew that his heart was pure and that his God was with him. It was a long and tedious journey from the place of a despised brother to the position of prime minister, but all of it was needful to prepare him for the place God had chosen him to fill. (His secret can be found in Genesis 39:21, "BUT THE LORD WAS WITH JOSEPH.") When he had risen from the pit to the palace, he held no animosity toward his brothers; neither did he berate them for sending him into Egypt, for he believed God had been directing his life. Rather, he said, "*God sent me* [*DIVINE DIRECTION*] before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance."

Every child of God will be tempted and tossed about on life's tempestuous sea, but through faith in the Captain of our salvation he will reach heaven's harbor at last, for His eyes are over the righteous, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

5. *THE KNOWLEDGE OF A FUTURE EXISTENCE*

In 2 Corinthians 5:1 we find words that have thrilled the hearts of many heart-weary and worldly-worn pilgrims who believed there was a better place after this life of toil and care. "We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Paul did not believe that the belief of life after death was a myth or a fantasy. He put himself solidly on the side of Biblical teachings when he said, "We know that if our earthly house . . . were dissolved, we have a house not made with hands." Moffat's translation gives it thus, "I know that if this earthly tent of mine is taken down, I get a home from God, made by no human hands, eternal in the heavens." He is saying here that if our earthly tabernacle or tent is taken down, in its place comes another and greater building, not erected by human hands, but designed and fashioned by our heavenly Father. Our earthly tent is frail and perishable, but our heavenly one is imperishable, incorruptible, and eternal. This house is not built by weak, human, finite hands, neither does it have in it any earthly and destructible material. It is eternal. It is indestructible by the elements of time or eternity. Winds, rains, storms, floods, termites, men or devils can never affect our future home, for it is in the heavens. It is OUT OF REACH of all cruel connivings of crooked and wicked God-haters.

JOB BELIEVED IN A FUTURE EXISTENCE despite all his trials and tribulations. Suffering from burning boils from head to toe, smarting under the loss of all earthly possessions, and harassed by an unbelieving wife, he could still shout, "After skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another."

It can well be imagined that if Abraham were asked why he left his home in Ur of Chaldees, he could only answer, "I do not know. I was told to leave my homeland and kindred, and I went out not knowing whither I went." The next question could have been in the form of a taunt or sneer. "Why, Abraham, surely you are not so foolish as to leave everything behind and start on a pilgrimage not knowing where it will eventually lead." But with explicit faith in his God, he declares, "It is true that I do not know every stop I will make on this earthly journey, but one thing I do know, *I'm looking for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*"

Jesus said in John 14:2, "I go to prepare a place for you," and He allowed John to see it as recorded in Revelation 21. While we are yet

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Stretch Forth Thy Hand

By THOMAS ELDER

(Mark 3:5)

AS WE LOOK around us today, we see many people in the same condition as this man, not only concerning the physical witheredness of the body but the spiritual soul as well. Just as disease destroys men's and women's bodies today, sin is even more devastating to the spiritual man.

We can see today the valley of dry bones that Ezekiel saw in the thirty-seventh chapter of his book. He said as he walked around them he saw many and, lo, they were very dry. All that remains of many Christians and sinners alike are dry bones. This condition is due to the lack of spiritual nourishment which man's soul desperately needs to survive in the world in which we live. Most of the world in this atomic age have forgotten the love, sympathy, mindfulness and compassion that Christ has for those who have need of it.

People have the attitude today that they have plenty of opportunities to redeem the time they have lost through their failure to follow Christ's laws for man. We are, or should be, constantly reminded of Ephesians 5:16, "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." How true! Look around and you can see many stumbling in darkness, limping because of physical deformity, and feeling their way because of blindness. Men have starved their souls for the lack of spiritual guidance. Christ said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour . . . and I will give you rest." Today if you are in the same condition as this man, stretch forth thy hand.

When Christ saw him, He said, "Stretch forth thy hand." Man must come to know his dependency upon God. He must see his condition of spiritual death as the prodigal son and say with him, "I will arise and go." There are many excuses people use today; however, the fact still remains that they still need God. When all people have given up hope for you, remember, "All things are possible to them that believe." Christ said, "Whosoever cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." Humble yourself before Him and He will lift you up. Even as Christ lifted Peter from the sinking water, so can He lift you.

Christ can do all things for man only if man acknowledges his destiny and wishes Christ's help. Sinner and Christian alike, if today you feel you are afar off from God's help, if the walls of despair are building up around you, and the clouds of sin are hovering down upon you, for the sake of your soul, STRETCH FORTH THY HAND.

This man, acting on the command of Christ, stretched forth his hand. Possibly the life had left his hand and it was a strain to stretch it forth, but he raised it anyway. Even as the woman pressed her way through the crowd to reach Christ, we should also press our way. Though people around us might persecute, mock, and laugh at us we need to press our way. 2 Timothy 3:12 says, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Men before us went through the same trials. Brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations, for blessed is the man that endureth. For when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.

Fear not man who can destroy only the body but fear God who can destroy both body and soul in a never-consuming fire that lasts for eternity. Forget the mockery of men; forget what men think. Be concerned only with the future of your soul.

Through all this, he stretched forth his hand unto Christ. And the Bible says, "And his hand was restored." Never has Christ asked a man to do something that He did not fulfill His promise. He told the sick in bed, "Arise and walk." When men feel they need God and want His help even though sometimes they are weak and can't seem to have the strength, He will supply it and make a way. He will supply the extra courage and strength needed.

Sinner, discouraged and weak in Christ, stretch forth thy hand and it will be restored.

And Christ said unto him, "Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out; and his hand was restored whole as the other."

LOVE
The Greatest Commandment

MATTHEW 22:35-38

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THE JEWS made distinctions between the weighty and light, the great and little commandments. Some thought the keeping of the sabbath, or circumcision, was the greatest commandment. When Jesus was approached with this vexed question, He stated that all the law is fulfilled in love to God and man.

The Definition of Love

Love is not a cheap physical attraction. The term has been cheapened by many to define any lust or infatuation they may have, no matter how degrading. Love to God is not a superficial attempt at conformity to His commandments because of fear or because of the benefits one might receive. Conformity without pure love is no more than formal idolatry. Love to man is not simply a polite, friendly, "do him no harm" attitude. It is not the rendering of a favor, expecting one in return.

Love is a great fundamental principle or creating energy originating with God. Love is an affection for an object which results in appropriate acts of sacrifice and giving of oneself for their well-being. Love emanates from self with beams of radiant energy toward others.

God Is the First Object of Christian Love

The agape or spiritual love originates with God, or rather it proceeds from God because of His very nature. God is love. He is a personal Being of love. The love of God is not a cold philanthropy. God demonstrated once and for all that love is a compelling force of affection which makes the lover willing to give himself in suffering for others. God was willing to give Himself for the objects of His love, the entire human race. What an example of pure love God gave to us. Is love complete without sacrifice? Were not even the most pious Old Testament characters a little incomplete in their conception of the love of God at times? Can anyone since the cross miss the nature and purity of His love? We love Him, then, because He first loved us.

God seeks a response of love to His love. The love of God is not piped into the believer or any creature by a one way system of plumbing. Adam was created in the image of God; therefore, he was capable of love. Although the image of God has been vitiated by the fall of man, he is still capable of limited love. After regeneration and sanctification, the "real self" has the pre-eminence; the image of God is restored and the believer is capable of a full response to the love of God. We then love Him because He first loved us.

We love Him because He is worthy of our love, being perfect in holiness and all of His attributes. To love someone is to have an estimation or reasonable knowledge of him. The more we learn about God, the higher is our esteem and the stronger is our love. This love is spontaneous. It is not coerced. Our love is freely given because of His worthiness, sacrifice, and wonderful attraction.

This love toward God is complete. We love Him with all of our hearts; this is the home of the affections and the seat of the will. We love Him with all of our minds; this is our intellectual power. Love constrains; love integrates; love unifies. We must love Him with all of our faculties.

This love for God will direct all of our thoughts, words, and deeds. We will not entertain one thought that will hurt Him or that will violate the law of love, much less commit an act in violation of love. We will delight to do His will. We will no longer obey because we are afraid He will cast us into hell or crush us providentially, but we will obey in filial love. No longer will we be guided by a few legalistic taboos for our standard of holiness which can never measure envy, greed, hate, and worldly ambition. Love will light our path and cause us to be light in obedience to Him, inwardly and outwardly in every phase of life.

Love tends to identify us with the object of our affection. As we love God, we become more like Him. God's love to us and our love to God causes an interpersonal relationship between God and us. We respond to His love and He responds to our love. As we become more like Him and our love feeds from His, we love Him more, our response is greater, and He is pleased by our love and response.

Our Neighbor Is the Second Object of Our Love

OUR LORD stated that the second commandment was like unto the first. The entire human race is worthy of our

love. They are loved by God. Man was created in the image of God and, though the image is marred, he still remains a son of God by creation. He is worthy of our love because of the great redemptive price which was paid for his soul's salvation.

Our love for man is based on our interpersonal relationship with God, "I and Thou," which constitutes a unity. We are one with God, united by love. Whom God loves, we love.

One may ask, "Who is my neighbor?" Our neighbor is anyone with whom we have to do. This includes everyone. There is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, male nor female. The Jews had the idea that only the Jew was their neighbor. Jesus showed by the parable of the good Samaritan that such restrictions are false and unnatural. The victim of the thieves was not a relative or even a close acquaintance of the Samaritan, but he was his neighbor. The Samaritan was not satisfied with doing him no harm or coldly and smugly contributing a few mites to the "Foundation for Preventing Cruelty by Thieves," but he showed his love by ministering to his neighbor.

Again this love is not cheap or measured by feeling or by the increase of heart palpitations only. It is a love of reverence and respect. We are to honor all men and respect their rights, however ignorant and uncouth they may be.

Members of our own family or faith are not to monopolize our love. We will have affections peculiar to these relationships, but the love which we share with God is on a higher plane than any human love (eros) and it precipitates and rains down on the just and unjust.

This love is measured by self love. We are to care for the happiness and comfort of others as we care for our own happiness and comfort. This love is not passive but active, a creative energy that same love of God by union with God through Jesus Christ. Our love for man reflects our love for God (1 John 4:21).

When Peter was asked by Jesus if he loved Him, Peter answered in the affirmative, but mere lip service and saying "Lord, Lord," won't suffice. Jesus wanted Peter to prove the purity of his love by feeding His lambs.

Love will hide a multitude of sins. How may it hide them? It hides them by creating new hearts in the objects of love. We are not to be disappointed if our love is unrequited. Jesus' offer of love was met with torture and death, but His suffering brought salvation to all who will appropriate it. We may be rebuffed and rejected by certain individuals, but "by this shall all men know we are His disciples." Men will see the love of God which produces our "good works" and will "glorify our Father which is in heaven."

The Personal Result of Love

There is no earthly joy like that which flows from love toward those near and dear to us. The love of God is far and above this. Peter said that those who love Him "rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

They who have found this love are at perfect peace because they have committed all unto Him. Where the love of God fills the believer, there is no room for unholy ambition. God does not want all of His ministers to desire and seek the larger churches, for then He would have no one to feed His lambs in the smaller ones. Those who have found this love are completely satisfied by it and are willing to remain in obscurity as long as they are laboring in love. If the love of God is supreme and the highest goal of man, then nothing is better, and nothing else is necessary—neither honor, prestige, nor fame. If God places us in a "high" position for the labor of love, well and good; but he that would be chief is to become a servant, not to be ministered unto but to minster.

The love of God will completely destroy selfishness. There can be no more pouting, envying, hard feeling, peevishness, childishness, or censoring, because surely these things are carnal and inconsistent

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GOD'S GREAT ENCIRCLING LOVE

The Barren Fig Tree

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"He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none" (Luke 13:6).

THIS IS A PARABLE that is seldom mentioned; yet it is one that has a few striking thoughts that fill the mind and teach us a lesson. Although this parable may have several interpretations, let us consider the owner as Jesus Christ, since the vine dresser addressed the owner as Lord, and let us consider the vine dresser as the minister or pastor. Are we not made overseers, or in charge of the flock by the Holy Ghost, and are to "watch for their souls as they that must give an account"?

The time of fruit is at hand and the Owner comes to seek the fruit of the vineyard. He certainly has a right to it, for the vineyard belongs to Him. "Ye are not your own, For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20). "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit." There is no profit in a non-fruit bearer. Dig it up and plant a fruit bearer in its place! There comes with this thought a solemn warning to the fruit bearing Christian and an awful memory to the backslider. "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown" (Revelation 3:11).

Attitude of the Owner

For a moment of time, let us turn our attention from the subject of fruit bearing to the attitude of the Owner of the vineyard. Did the Lord say right away, "Cut the tree down; why cumbereth it the ground?" No! A hundred times no! Notice the concern, alertness, and long-suffering of the Owner.

First of all, He was concerned about this one fig tree and its barrenness. Was He not concerned for you when He hung between heaven and earth? Was He not concerned for us when He went away by making sure we were not left comfortless, but gave us One to go along side to guide, teach, comfort, and cause to bear fruit? Yes, He was, and is, concerned about you.

For three years the Lord silently looked for fruit. He said nothing to the dresser for the first two years, as the dresser dug around it and dunged it (prayed for, fasted for, preached to, and visited). Each year the Lord would personally visit this one fig tree, approaching it longingly and hoping that it had begun to bear fruit. Each time he was saddened by the disappointment of no fruit.

As the Lord went through the vineyard inspecting the fruit trees and noticing this one barren fig tree, so He is just as alert to our fruit bearing. For doesn't His eye notice the bird that is mashed under the speeding tire of an automobile, or the one that is knocked by a slingshot from its perch among the branches? "Are not the very hairs of your head numbered?" Certainly the fruit of our character is noticed!

Here is a lesson in forebearance and patience. Notice that He said, "Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none." Should we be less tolerant? The tree is in the vineyard, Church, but there has been no fruit these three years. Two weeks is long enough for some to tell if there will be fruit. But our Lord was long-suffering unto three years.

Perfection cannot be achieved in one's life overnight. For are we not to "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18)? (We are expected to grow, that is, bear or increase in fruit bearing.) Also, "He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-13). Again, Hebrews 6:1 tells us, "Therefore leaving the princi-

ples of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection."

Let me not be misunderstood. The tree was not accepted either year. But because the Owner was long-suffering, He let it take up the room in His vineyard to see if it would respond to fertilization (application of the Word). The basis of the tree's acceptance was fruit bearing. "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away" (John 15:2). Therefore, if we are taken away, we are no longer in the vine, and, "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned" (John 15:6). Thus, if we are chosen and handpicked to be in God's everlasting vineyard, our lives must show some fruit. Carefully study these fruits of the Spirit, as Paul gave them to the Galatians: "Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance" (Galatians 5:22, 23).

Attitude of the Vine Dresser

"Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he [the vine dresser] answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shall cut it down" (Luke 13:7-9). What a challenge! Let this be our intercession for those who are weak, and slow at bearing fruit. While there is a work of cutting down, there may be a more rewarding work of digging and dunging. That tree may respond and bear fruit! Then what overwhelming satisfaction in saying, "I did not cut it down. This tree will be accepted by the Lord after all!" Or is there pleasure in turning out? Is there not more satisfaction in seeing that for which you have labored producing fruit? Your prayers, tears, and long-suffering are rewarded.

Listen to Moses and God in conversation. "And the Lord said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them [cut them down]: and I will make of thee a great nation. And Moses besought the Lord his God, and said, Lord, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever. And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people" (Exodus 32:9-14).

The Cure for Unfruitfulness

The cure is dependent upon three conditions. Let us briefly notice them.

First of all, cleansing is necessary. "Every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth [cleanseth] it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you" (John 15:2, 3).

Second, in order to bear fruit, we must abide in Christ, the Vine. "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me . . . For without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:4, 5).

Third, obedience is essential to fruit bearing (John 15:10). To bear fruit, we must abide in the vine; to abide in the vine, we must obey.

The sum is this. To be accepted, we must bear fruit, and to bear fruit, we must keep (practice or perform) the Word. In doing so, fruit will be produced. Also, we must apply the Word which will cleanse us. The cleansing agent must be applied, however, before it is effective. Therefore, it necessitates everyone's being an ardent student of the Word. The same obligation is placed upon the minister to "preach the Word." If it is accepted, souls will bear the fruit necessary for acceptance in the vineyard.

TREES

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is pressed
Against the earth's sweet-flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.

—By Joyce Kilmer

A Widow Meets

AN UNFORGETTABLE CHARACTER

By JACKIE G. BRIDGES
Tennessee State Secretary-Treasurer

Luke 7:11-15

MY STORY WOULD begin by saying that I am a widow. Sometime ago I lost my husband. I dearly loved him but now he has gone on. We lived in a small city of Palestine called Nain. This is not a beautiful city by any means. On the northwestern edge of Mount Hermon, Nain is a poor, confused, and filthy little village. Yet, it is our home. Our friends and relatives live here. This, however, is not the real story that I have to tell.

A few days ago my son, an only son, died. I felt that I just could not live without him. He was a fine young man who furnished our home with the necessities of life. How could I get by without him? My heart almost broke completely. I did not know what to do.

All my friends and neighbors gave me much sympathy and assistance. I was glad that I lived in the small village, but the most precious one to me was gone. My son no longer was alive.

We had the funeral at our small place of worship. Almost all the people of Nain came to pay their last respects. The minister spoke kind words of blessing. We were on our way from the church to the grave when it happened—*I met an unforgettable Character.*

This Man was on His way south to keep the passover. No doubt He was tired after having walked 18 miles from Capernaum; yet He gave me the most welcome thrill of my life. As He met us down the road, I sensed right away that there was something different about this Man. There seemed to be a glow about His face that other men did not have. His actions made Him unforgettable. Let me mention a few.

He Had Compassion—He saw my only son behind the drawn sheet. He knew I was a widow and needed someone to give me a lift. Seeing the sorrow written across my face, He did not have to ask me the cause of my grief. He knew. Just as He saw my condition, He sees yours today. He will have compassion on you too. I didn't tell Him how much I needed encouragement; but He knew. Friend, you may be in somewhat the same circumstance. If so, listen further with me.

He Had Words of Comfort—Others had seen my need and had done all they could. I appreciated it so much. This Man also saw my need, just as He sees yours. He sees the need of a broken home, a wayward boy or girl. He sees the concern of a precious mother for her children.

Tears were streaming down my face. I couldn't help it. I had gone as far as I could go. I will never forget when He spoke the words, "Weep not." There seemed to be a world of comfort in those words.

Do you have a burdened heart? Have tears run down your cheeks? Have you gone about as far as you can go? Have friends done all they can? Then, let me tell you more about Him.

He Seemed to Have Complete Command — No one else had stopped the procession; yet He did. No one else said just the right words; yet He did. No one else had assurance stamped in every word; yet He did. He saw my son under the influence of the bearers. Similarly, He sees many boys and girls under the influence of false friendship today. He sees them being tossed and driven by the wayward wind. He sees them headed down the river of eternal doom. He wants to say to them as He said to my son, "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise." Arise from the gutter of sin. Arise from the pit of despair. Arise from the world of gloom. Arise from the sea of worldly amusements. Let Me help you to be a fine Christian example. Let Me have your attention. I say unto thee, arise.

He Became a Conqueror of Death—Many young people are dying spiritually and seemingly will receive no help. Oh, how the heart of this Man wants to touch their spiritual bier, even as He touched the bier bearing my son, and say, "Arise." Yes, thank God, "he that was dead sat up, and began to speak." Joy flooded my soul. I began to cry and shout at the same time. Never before had I witnessed such power. This Man was a conqueror of death.

I wonder if there aren't some of you who need Christ to touch you. Neither Elijah nor Elisha could thus have spoken and touched; but He who spoke thus was God in the flesh. It did not take a month, week, day, nor hour, but as He spoke, my son arose. Young man and woman, don't die without Christ. Let Him touch you and lift you up.

Let me tell you one reason why you need to be touched by God. It

is the last thing about this unforgettable Character that I will mention. I followed Him for days afterward. I heard Him say "If I go away, I will come again." That meant He was *A Coming Christ.* He will be coming for His own, coming for those who have heard Him and have been touched by Him and have arisen from a life of sin and shame. Are you one of those? Has He stopped you on your way to spiritual death and raised you up? Has He spoken words of encouragement to your heart? If not, won't you at this time meet this same Jesus and let Him be the *Most Unforgettable Character* of your life? This is the story of a change in my life; let it be your story.

CHRISTIAN ASSURANCE

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on earth, it is admitted to be indescribable and incomprehensible, but to every Bible-believing Christian, it is neither incredible nor unbelievable. It is simply God taking care of His own. This is a place prepared where His redeemed can be safe forevermore. While others doubt and quibble, we know we have A BUILDING OF GOD RESERVED IN HEAVEN FOR US. What a wonderful place! No tears, sorrow, heartaches, troubles, disappointments, temptation, or sin will ever invade the streets of that bright city. There will not be one tear shed in a million years; not one funeral procession will ever roll down those golden streets; and for myriads of millenniums, not one single sigh will escape the lips of God's redeemed and immortal children.

Yes, "we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him." This knowledge should ever cheer us on. It has been said that knowledge is power. I believe, in this case at least, it is true, for the knowledge of a right relationship with God gives power over sin and Satan, as well as confidence toward God. So, fellow pilgrim, let this assurance be oars to paddle us on our way, a compass to guide us, food to keep us strong, water to quench our thirst, and a sword to conquer every enemy until that day when the Saviour of our souls, our heavenly Potentate, our King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, shall forever set us free from all mortal incumbrances and confer upon us all the glorious liberties of heaven and immortality.

LOVE, THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

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with love. Then can we go the second mile and turn the other cheek. Every hard feeling against another stems from fear and jealousy. No longer will we care that we have been wronged, because nothing can separate us from the love of Christ, and this is all sufficient. Nothing else is necessary. If the Lord is our (loving) shepherd, we shall not want (lack). We will be perfectly content wherever He places us and we will labor and rejoice in love, whether it be pastor of the smallest or the largest church, a factory laborer, or a well salaried executive. We will measure our success only by the love of God and man, and not by earthly standards. Are we willing to be a Lazarus, if necessary, or does the position of Dives look more lucrative? Most of us want Dives' position toward men and Lazarus' position toward God.

Let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit who will shed the love of God abroad in our hearts. This love is a powerful ray of light energy whose gamma rays will not only bring pain to destroy the defiled and morally diseased human nature, but will also bring perfect health to the soul, creating a new life sustained and motivated by the energy of love.

Pray that God will deliver my husband from a life of sin.
—A sister in Christ

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Pray earnestly that God will heal my mother, Mrs. Ada Ball.
—Mrs. Leola Lee
Cropwell, Ala.

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Pray that my sister and her daughter will be healed.
—Mrs. Louise Sykes
Memphis, Tenn.

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Pray that God will heal my wife of a hearing defect and that my son and his wife will be saved.
—Rev. C. E. Chamblers
Bastrop, La.

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Pray that God will heal my daughter of growths on her head. Pray also that I will grow stronger in faith. *—Mrs. M. A. Hooper*
Newbern, Tenn.

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Pray a special prayer for me and my family. *—Hazel Bonine*
Vinita, Okla.

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Pray for me to be healed and to be drawn closer to the Lord.
—Mrs. Martha Skeens
W. Logan, W. Va.

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Pray that my mother will be healed of a growth on her nose.
—Anna Hill
Los Angeles, Calif.

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Pray that the faith of my brother, Dan Thompson, will become stronger so that he may receive his healing. *—James Thompson*
Atlanta, Ga.

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Pray that God will help me find my son, Wilbor Rusaw Herrin, whom I have not seen for 11 years.
—Mrs. Opal Herrin
Shelbyville, Tenn.

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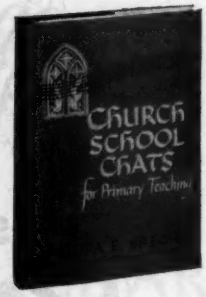
Pray for my backslidden husband and my home. *—Lessie Mae Polk*
Horseshoe Beach, Fla.



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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The old-fashioned, Bible-preaching, soul-searching messages of Rev. C. B. Donohue of Chattanooga, Tennessee, blessed hearts and dug deep into the lives of the Minneapolis Church of God from December 7-21. Despite the below zero weather a good number was out each night. God's presence was manifested in our midst as 7 were saved, 5 sanctified and 7 joined the church. The saints were blessed. Only eternity will reveal the true results of this revival.

We thank God for His many blessings to us and we will all endeavor to keep on the firing line until Jesus comes or calls us home.

We are fortunate to have our consecrated pastor, Brother James N. Layne, and his wife to minister to us.

—Sister L. Anderson, reporter

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Fifty-three Saved, S. S. Records Broken

COOLIDGE, Ga.—We wish to give a report on the recent revival in the Church of God in Coolidge, Georgia. It began September 28 and ran until November 9. Total results were 53 saved, 25 sanctified, 33 filled with the Holy Ghost, 14 baptized in water, and 12 added to the church. Rev. Clay Cantrell was the evangelist.

Sunday School attendance for several months has averaged from 35 to 50 but on the November report it averaged 111. We have broken all Sunday School records in the history of this church.

—Hugh M. Lane, clerk

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Old-Time Revival Russellville

RUSSELLVILLE, Tenn.—We at the Russellville Church of God are praising God for what He has done for us. We have been in a real old-time revival with Brother C. L. Dixon as the evangelist. God blessed us by saving several and reclaiming others. Eight or 9 were filled with the Holy Ghost. We have an old-time Holy Ghost filled pastor, Brother H. C. Green. We just thank God for him. Yes, the Lord has healed some, too. We give God all the glory.

—Gladys Miller, reporter

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New Church Blessed With Revival

FALKVILLE, Ala.—I would like to report on the recent revival at the new church at Falkville, Alabama. The revival was conducted by Sister Margaret Jacobs who preached some mighty messages under the anointing power of God. Her ministry here at the Falkville Church will long be remembered. There were 11 saved, 6 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 5 added to the church.

The church was set in order seven months ago with 17 members, and now there are 25 members.

Our State Overseer, Brother Biggs, visited with us during the revival and preached under the anointing on the subject of "Foreign Missions." Our Sunday School record was broken, and $260.00 in cash and pledges came in for foreign missions.

We are praising God for His goodness to us here at the Falkville Church of God.

—Reporter

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Greatest Revival in Church's History

NEW BERN, N. C.—The New Bern Church of God is now in the greatest revival of its history. The days of God-sent revivals are still here. There have been more than 27 saved, 23 sanctified, and 17 filled with the Holy Ghost. Our evangelist is Clemon C. Allen of Greenville, South Carolina.

—E. E. Salters, pastor

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Church Helped in Many Ways

BIG SPRING, Tex.—We have just closed a revival at the Big Spring Church of God where Rev. R. D. Ashcraft is pastor and Rev. C. G. Crutcher was the evangelist. This has been one of the greatest revivals that we have had in years. The Lord has blessed each service in a special way. This revival has helped the church in many, many ways. We truly praise the Lord for each soul that has been delivered. We had 3 saved, 10 sanctified, 10 filled with the Holy Ghost, 1 added to the church, and 4 baptized in water.

We certainly thank God for sending us a Spirit-filled evangelist like Brother Crutcher with a burden for the unsaved.

—Joan Winn, reporter

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Successful Revival in Atlanta

ATLANTA, Ga.—We are rejoicing over the revival the Lord gave us here at the Adamsville Church of God. There were 17 saved, 13 sanctified, 13 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 32 added to the church in one week. Brother and Sister G. R. Watson were our evangelists. I have heard Brother Watson preach well for around 21 years, but this was his best. He preached mostly on prophecy, which is surely the need of the hour, using a large, colorful chart. The people were blessed and greatly helped to appreciate and understand the Word of God better. Sister Watson did much to encourage the people, emphasizing consecration. She was also a blessing to the children and young people with her flash stories. Our church is small but we are growing. Pray with us that this revival spirit will continue.

—Mrs. Emma Huddleston, reporter

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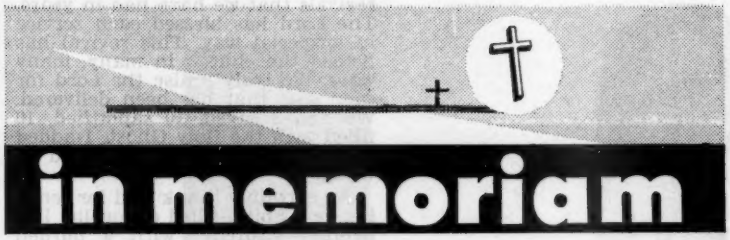
Revival Blesses Church

SAGINAW, Mich.—The Saginaw Church of God has just closed a four-week revival with Rev. A. H. Tribble of Ravenna, Ohio, as the evangelist. The Lord blessed night after night and the altar was filled with people seeking the Lord. Twenty-six were saved, 16 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 10 united with the church. Marvelous healings were accomplished through Jesus Christ. God moved in a glorious way through every service and every department of the church.

Brother Tribble is a man of God who believes in the leading of the Spirit. He is a man of prayer. We feel that we have been favored at Saginaw and were fortunate to be able to secure Brother Tribble as our evangelist.

—Mrs. G. J. Chandler, reporter



in memoriam

BRANDT

On December 30, 1958, our dear baby boy, Jerry Eugene Brandt, 5 months and 4 days old, passed away to be with Jesus. We all loved him so much and will miss him. He had a smile for everybody, but we know the Lord's ways are best. Our loss is heaven's gain. If we are true and faithful to the Lord, we know we can see him some day where we never need to part.

He is survived by his parents, 4 sisters, and 1 brother. The funeral services were held in our home. Rev. Russel Negley, pastor of the South Fairview Church of God, and Rev. Benjamin Kuntz, officiated.

—Mrs. Ruth C. Brandt, mother

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ROOKS

Our beloved Brother in Christ, Perry Van Rooks, age 71, departed this life to live with Jesus on the morning of July 23, 1958. He is survived by his wife, Mary B. Rooks; one daughter, Mrs. Marion Wood; and one son, Robert Lee Rooks. Brother Rooks was a faithful member of the Church of God for about 30 years; he was faithful in attendance and in supporting the church. It was an inspiration to all just to know he loved his Lord. He will be missed by all who knew him, but we feel sure that our loss will be heaven's gain.

—Rev. J. C. Bower, pastor

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CLAGG

On December 30, 1958, Brother Raymond Clagg departed from this life to put on immortality, leaving a body of corruption and receiving a body of incorruption. He left a world of sorrow and suffering to enter into one that knows neither. He left behind all disappointment and stepped into a life where there is no disappointment and no separation. He is there awaiting his loved ones, for he showed unto them the way, and lived it before them. I can truly say our loss is heaven's gain, for another jewel has taken its place in God's kingdom that is not of this world. I am sure he is there in attendance to his Christ, for Brother Clagg is not dead but is alive forevermore. He has passed from death unto life.

Brother Clagg was a member of the Church of God for many years and served as Sunday School superintendent, Sunday School secretary-treasurer, teacher, and church clerk. He was also on the Board of Trustees and served faithfully while in office.

He leaves to follow him, his wife, Ethel; sons, Clifford, Willard, Charles, David, Daniel, Timothy, Samuel, and Ronald; daughters, Lorene, Mabel, Alice, Violet, Sherry, and Bonnie; 11 grandchildren, a number of brothers and sisters, and many friends and loved ones. There is no one who can take his place, but as David said in the Psalms, "I can go to him." Therefore, we have a hope that is steadfast and sure.

His pastor, Brother John Wheeler, was assisted in the funeral service by Brother Arlie Jordan of Fort Gay, West Virginia, Brother L. S. Cooper of Mansfield, and Brother Thomas Williams of Willard.

—Mrs. Martha Lewis, clerk

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DROOK

Mrs. Sophia A. Drook of Cincinnati, Ohio, was born in Estell County, Kentucky, in 1892 and departed this life January 11, 1959, at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. She was 67 years of age. She was stricken with a heart attack Christmas day at her home, and was rushed to the hospital where she remained two weeks before she passed away.

She was united in marriage to Denver A. Drook of Liberty, Indiana, 49 years ago. She spent 52 years of her life in and around Cincinnati, Ohio. She was a member and licensed exhorter in the Church of God for more than 15 years. Sister Drook has helped throughout the years in the promotion of several small churches in the greater Cincinnati area.

She is survived by her husband, Denver A. Drook, 1 son, Loyd; 1 daughter, Mrs. Vivian Michales; and other relatives and friends. Her funeral was conducted at Reading, Ohio, with Rev. Oran White delivering the funeral eulogy. Shortly before she passed from this life, she read in her Bible from Isaiah 28:1-6. Her body was laid to rest in Hopewell Cemetery near Montgomery, Ohio, to await the resurrection.

—Reporter

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DRAKE

Our pastor's wife, Sister Drake, passed away January 15, 1959, at 11:20 a.m. We as a church miss her so very much. She was saved at the age of 10 and was 42 at the time of her death. She was a real Christian and a good leader in the Church of God.

—A. J. Hartman, clerk

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RAKESTRAW

Brother Paul W. Rakestraw, 51-year-old textile worker of Fitzgerald, Georgia, died at the Ben Hill County Hospital on Tuesday, January 27. Funeral services were conducted at the Fitzgerald Church of God by Rev. H. M. Duck, present pastor, and Rev. T. W. Waits, who was pastor at the time Brother Rakestraw rededicated his life to God and reunited with the Church of God. Burial was in the Fitzgerald Evergreen Cemetery.

Brother Rakestraw, a native of Cherokee County, Georgia, was the son of George W. and Bessie R. Rakestraw. He was a faithful member of our church and until his lengthy illness, supported it with his regular attendance, tithes, and offerings. He was a great blessing to the people here at Fitzgerald.

Survivors include his wife, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 2 brothers, 1 sister, and 4 grandchildren.

—L. A. Yarbrough, reporter

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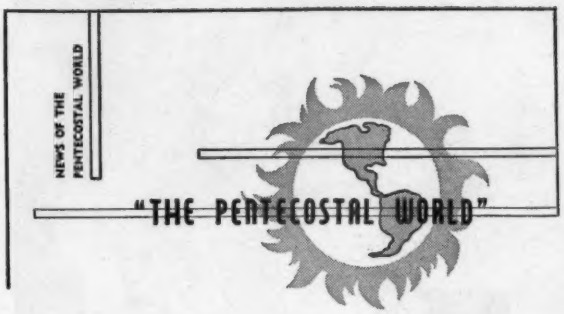
WALL

Mrs. Anna Keith Wall was born February 13, 1879, in Nashville, Tennessee, and departed this life November 30, 1958, at Kingsport, Tennessee. For the past several years, she had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. H. H. Hungate. Mrs. Hungate's husband is a well-known minister of the Church of God. This gave Sister Wall an opportunity to become well known in the States of West Virginia, Virginia, and Tennessee. In Sister Wall's later life, her greatest delight was to work for the Church of God Home for Children, doing what she could to promote the care of our Home.

She is gone but not forgotten. She was laid to rest in beautiful Sherwood Burial Park, Salem, Virginia, to await the first resurrection.

—C. H. Vance, pastor



Pentecostal Holiness Church Launches Expansion

FRANKLIN SPRINGS, Ga. (EP) —The Pentecostal Holiness Church formally launched a gigantic, long-range expansion program on December 9, 1958, with the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Advocate Press and Headquarters building here.

Dallas M. Tarkenton, Editor-in-Chief of literature and General Administrator of Advocate Press, recognized church officials, ministers and laymen from all over the country who were present for the event. The crowd of approximately 300 in attendance included local, county and state officials.

Georgia Agriculture Commissioner, Phil Campbell, Jr., gave the main address, stressing the need of a bounteous flow of Christian literature to serve as a defense against Communism. Said Mr. Campbell: "The Communistic regime is not attacking the Democratic governments . . . it is attacking Christianity. Communism is afraid of Christianity."

The new quarter of a million dollar building is expected to be ready for occupancy by the summer of 1959, providing ulta-modern quarters for Advocate Press, Advocate Book Store and Headquarters' offices for the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Bishop J. A. Synan, General Superintendent of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, discussed present and future plans of the church. He stated that Advocate Press, which started out as a one-man operation some forty years ago, has grown tremendously and now has a yearly production of 56 tons of literature.

During the ceremony a deed to 113 acres of land was presented to Dr. R. O. Corvin, General Secretary of the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

It was pointed out during the service that when the new building is completed, the Pentecostal Holiness Church will have an investment of over a million dollars at Franklin Springs.

Special music was arranged by Rev. O. N. Todd, Jr., and the Emmanuel College Choir.

Expansion plans envision the headquarters of the Pentecostal Holiness Church at Franklin Springs as a spiritual, educational, publishing and recreational center.

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Pentecostal Leader Sees Revival in Major Denominations

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (EP) — Rev. David J. du Plessis, world-famous Pentecostal leader, declared here that a revival is developing in the major denominations of the world.

He feels that revival, "not a flash-in-the-pan kind," is "touching the hearts" of leaders in such organizations as the National and World Councils of Churches and the International Missionary Conference. He also pointed to the growing *Zoe* ("life") movement in the Greek Orthodox Church.

Describing himself as an "ecumenical Pentecostal" to Minneapolis newsmen, Mr. du Plessis explained that he favors cooperation in church unity movements. He defended Dr. Billy Graham in seeking cooperation from local councils of churches in his evangelistic campaigns.

Tillich: Anti-Semitism in U.S. "Stronger Than in Germany Before Hitler"

CHICAGO, Ill. (EP)—"Jews were much more received in the social life of the well-to-do in Germany before Hitler than they are here (in the United States) today."

So said Rev. Dr. Paul Tillich, professor at Harvard Divinity School and before the time of Hitler a professor of theology in German universities, in a newspaper interview here.

Declaring that anti-Jewish feeling is "stronger in the United States than it was in Germany before Hitler," Dr. Tillich added: "One thing for Christians to remember is that the very existence of Judaism is a corrective against pagan dangers. That is important, because when Christianity becomes too much interwoven in the nation which accepts it, Christianity easily becomes pagan."

He also told *Chicago Daily News* interviewer Frank L. Hayes that he felt "the writings of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, certain faith-healing movements, and, to some extent, the Rev. Billy Graham, are like some doctors: they remove the symptoms for a time. But they cannot get at the roots and heal the ailments. On the contrary," he claimed, "by their means of helping people find the limited security they long for, they increase the vice of the times: conformity."

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Roberts' Crusade Closes With Overflow Crowd

HAMILTON, Ontario, Canada (EP)—Over one thousand persons were turned away at the closing meeting of the Oral Roberts' "Million Souls Crusade" here in mid-December. A crowd of about 5,000 jammed the Hamilton Forum Building for the service.

Final statistics for the crusade, which included six afternoon meetings and five at night, showed an aggregate attendance of 34,900 according to crusade officials. Decisions for Christ were reported at 2,575.

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Junior—"The Christian's Birth and Growth" (9-to-11-year-olds). Lessons preparing juniors to live for Jesus in an age when men are planning to travel through the stratosphere and beyond. His many-sided character and ministry are seen in the Gospel of John.

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